



## **Update 14.04.2021 Marriage / Civil Partnership Ceremony Restrictions from 12 April 2021**

Please be aware that your marriage/civil partnership ceremony must be conducted under the current NI Executive restrictions.

### **Marriages and Civil Partnerships from 12 April 2021**

- Numbers at marriage and civil partnership ceremonies will be determined by a risk register carried out by the venue.
- Face masks must be worn by all except the couple being married or forming a civil partnership. Current guidance states that children under the age of 13 do not have to wear a face mask.
- No mixing of households is permitted at a private dwelling therefore it will not be possible for a ceremony to be held indoors as the registrar/officiant is not permitted to enter the premises.

---

**Chief Executive, Marie Ward**

**Oifig an Iúir, Newry Office**, O'Hagan House, Monaghan Row, Newry BT35 8DJ

**Oifig Dhún Pádraig, Downpatrick Office**, Downshire Civic Centre, Downshire Estate, Ardglass Road, Downpatrick BT30 6GQ



- These can take place in a person's home if one of the parties is terminally ill with up to ten people in attendance (this includes the couple, two witnesses and the officiant).
- Outdoor gatherings in a private garden will be restricted to ten people from two different households. If all other participants at the ceremony are not from the same household the ceremony cannot proceed as the registrar/officiant can be the only person from a separate household.

**If you need any further advice, please email [registration@nmandd.org](mailto:registration@nmandd.org) or telephone 033 0137 4041.**

---

**Chief Executive, Marie Ward**

**Oifig an Iúir, Newry Office**, O'Hagan House, Monaghan Row, Newry BT35 8DJ

**Oifig Dhún Pádraig, Downpatrick Office**, Downshire Civic Centre, Downshire Estate, Ardglass Road, Downpatrick BT30 6GQ